

Charter Schools and E-rate

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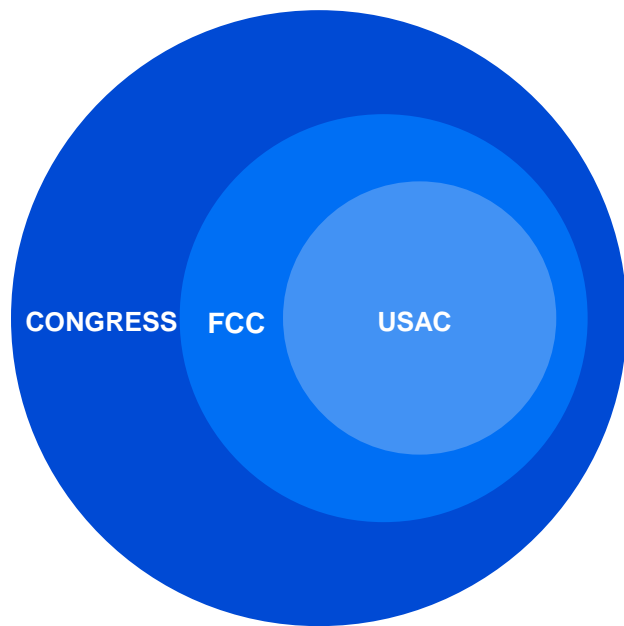
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E-RATE: DON'T **DISS** THE DISCOUNT!



WHO MAKES THE RULES?



- Congress wrote the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which directed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish the E-rate Program and other programs.
- The FCC issues orders that set rules and policies for the program and gives direction to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) through orders.
- USAC is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the E-rate Program.

Discount Matrix

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INCOME Measured by % of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	CATEGORY ONE		CATEGORY TWO	
	URBAN Discount	RURAL Discount	URBAN Discount	RURAL Discount
Less than 1%	20%	25%	20%	25%
1% to 19%	40%	50%	40%	50%
20% to 34%	50%	60%	50%	60%
35% to 49%	60%	70%	60%	70%
50% to 74%	80%	80%	80%	80%
75% to 100%	90%	90%	85%	85%



How Do I Get Funding?

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- **What Is the Application Process?**
- **FORMS!!**

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Competitive Bidding

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Apply for Discounts

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Start Services



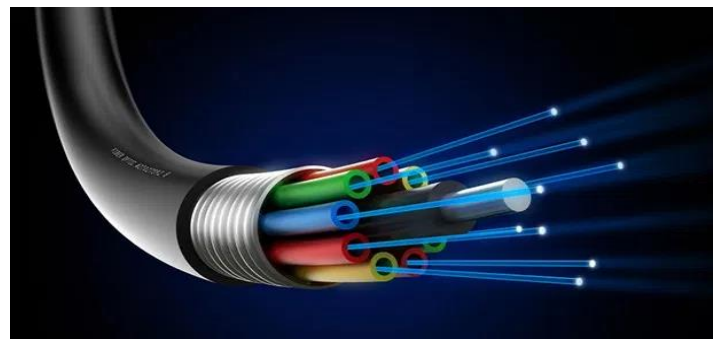
What is eligible for the discount?

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- Category 1
 - Internet – NCREN (state network, free)
 - Free firewall, content filter

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What else is eligible?

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- Category 2
 - School budget (5 year)
 - ADM x FCC Multiplier (\$156.23)
 - State contracts/vendors
 - 100% covered by E-rate and NCDPI
 - PRC036



DID YOU SAY FREE?



We need HELP!!!

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How to obtain assistance in filing for E-rate:

- Hire an E-rate Consultant – **NOT FREE!**

OR

- Use NC DPI E-rate State Coordinators! **FREE!**

DID YOU SAY FREE?



To get started....

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